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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR CALLS ON UNDER SECRETARY
HABIB

1. IN THE COURSE OF A COURTESY CALL ON FEBRUARY 28 ON
UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS HABIB BY RECENTLY
ARRIVED ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR YCAZA, THE FOLLOWING SUB-
STANTIVE POINTS WERE RAISED:

A. OUR KFIR VETO AND THE ANDEAN ARMS BALANCE

HABIB EXPLAINED THAT OUR DECISION WAS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST
ECUADOR, AND WAS A PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S OVERALL
POLICY ON ARMS SALES.

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YCAZA REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH "SOME PEOPLE" SEEMED TO THINK
THAT AN ARMS BALANCE HAD BEEN STRUCK IN THE ANDEAN REGION,
ECUADOR SAW ONLY AN IMBALANCE OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS.

HABIB RESPONDED THAT SUCH AN ISSUE WOULD BE A GOOD ONE FOR
THE GOE'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO RAISE WITH THE SECRETARY,

INSTEAD OF FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON SPECIFIC DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.

YCAZA SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SPEAKING WITH HIS FOREIGN MINISTER LATER IN THE DAY AND WOULD MENTION THAT POINT.

HABIB CONCLUDED THIS PART BY MENTIONING THAT THE SECRETARY HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHEN HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE GOE'S MISSION.

YCAZA REPLIED THAT THE GOE COULD WAIT.

B. THE TRADE ACT'S GSP EXCLUSION OF ECUADOR

HABIB EXPLAINED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FAVORED ACTION BY CONGRESS TO AMEND THE TRADE ACT TO CORRECT THIS INEQUITY.

YCAZA REPLIED THAT THE GOE APPRECIATED THAT FACT.

C. CUTS IN FUNDING FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

YCAZA RAISED THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF A MULTILATERAL PROBLEM. HABIB REPLIED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS APPALLED BY THE PROSPECT OF SUCH CUTS BY CONGRESS, AND HAD TO MARSHALL ITS FORCES TO PREVENT THE CUTS FROM BEING MADE.

2. YCAZA ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO QUITO
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ON CONSULTATIONS IN TWO WEEKS.

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